

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of

Meeting

BEAR GRAPHICS 800-325-8094 FORM NO. 10148

Held Thursday, July 8, 2021 20

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Williams called the Riverside, Ohio City Council Meeting to order at 6:01 p.m. at the Riverside Administrative Offices located at 5200 Springfield Street, Suite 100, Riverside, Ohio, 45431.

ROLL CALL: Council attendance was as follows: Ms. Campbell, present; Mr. Denning, present; Mrs. Franklin, present; Ms. Fry, present; Ms. Lommatzsch, absent; Mr. Maxfield, present; and Mayor Williams, present.

Staff present was as follows: Chris Lohr, Assistant City Manager; Tom Garrett, Finance Director; Frank Robinson, Police Chief; Dan Stitzel, Fire Chief; Kathy Bartlett, Public Services Director; Gary Burkholder, Community Development Director, Dalma Grandjean, Law Director; and Katie Lewallen, Clerk of Council.

EXCUSE ABSENT MEMBERS: Mrs. Franklin motioned to excuse Deputy Mayor Lommatzsch. Ms. Campbell seconded the motion. All were in favor; none opposed. **Motion carried.**

ADDITIONS OR CORRECTIONS TO AGENDA: There were no changes to the agenda.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Mr. Denning motioned to approve the agenda. Mr. Maxfield seconded the motion. All were in favor; none opposed. **Motion carried.**

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE/MOMENT OF SILENCE: Mayor Williams led the pledge of allegiance.

MINUTES: Mr. Denning motioned to approve the minutes from the June 10, 2021 work session and the June 17, 2021 council meeting. Mrs. Franklin seconded the motion. All were in favor; none opposed. **Motion carried.**

BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS APPLICANTS: Council discussed the process by which they would handle multiple applicants for one open position on BZA. They began with the first application for the newly formed Budget Committee. It was determined to put the application on hold until more applications were received to have a working committee. Mayor Williams stated this new committee is to encourage more citizen participation in the annual budget preparation and long-term planning. He encouraged citizens to apply to join the committee. Budget preparation has begun; applications will be received until the end of July 2021.

Ms. Patricia Matheney came forward as the first applicant for the open BZA seat. She stated she was born and raised in Riverside and lived in a number of places within the city. She stated she raised all of her children here and her grandchildren who go to Stebbins. Her father used to be on the volunteer fire department years ago. She stated there are many different types of people in Riverside and all need to be represented in some way or another. Especially with zoning and things like that as they have questions that need answered. There is a lot to consider with variances, especially the people. Mayor Williams asked how she felt about applying the code to all people in the city no matter where they lived; does she feel like she can do in the course of adjudicating cases making sure people are treated fairly no matter what neighborhood. She replied yes, treated fairly. She stated she is not a big fan of associating everybody has to have the same in the city. That is not her. That is more like a homeowner's association; that is not the city or the township or the people here. Ms. Campbell stated she understands what she is saying as some people have sidewalks and others don't. Some have fences in the front and some don't. In the plat, fences are all the way around. Ms. Matheney stated some people have small children and may not have a backyard and need a safe place for their kids to play. That may need to be taken into consideration. There are so many different circumstances that need reviewed even looked at in the area.

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Mr. Todd Pultz came forward as the second applicant for the open BZA seat. Mr. Pultz stated he has lived in Riverside his whole life and graduated from Stebbins High School. He lives here with his wife and kids. He stated he is very familiar with the code. BZA is one of the most vital pieces of the city; they are an independent body of residents that create a buffer between the decisions city staff is forced to make and what may be a reality within a community. He stated that the question asked of the last applicant of making the same decision in the entire city is the opposite of what the BZA is there for. The BZA is to look at the entire city and what works in a neighborhood. What works in one may not work in others. Every community is a little bit different. He stated that city staff has the challenge of working with an outdated code, but with this code they have black and white decisions they have to make. They are sometimes faced with hard decisions because of the code. When the BZA gets involved they have to take a neutral opinion on it and determine if it makes sense or not. Looking at development, there will be plenty of challenges. A lot have come up in the last 12 months with businesses, developers, and residents. He does have the time to sit on BZA and can be committed to it. He understands the code and spends time reading the code. He watches all the meetings as well. He is familiar with how the meetings are run and decisions are made. Ms. Fry asked if he was still interested in planning commission. Mr. Pultz stated that yes, he is and planning commission is extremely vital in the city and needs a strong initiative to put the city into position for the future. He feels like they are now in a place with the city, staff, and current council to move the city forward. Mrs. Franklin asked how he would deal with cases that came before him that were connected to him. He stated he does not foresee any cases coming up in the city that are not personally his that he would have conflict. He stated if it were businesses he partners with or one of his entities he would recuse himself. That is the right thing to do. Mayor Williams stated Mr. Pultz already answered the same question he asked the first applicant. He is more concerned with the code being the governing law for property development in the city. They can't start with the assumption the code can't be right. There are instances where they can move away from the code, but he wants to make sure when they adjudicate cases, there is a uniform way to do it. Mr. Pultz agreed; he added that the BZA has to start every case with the presumption that city staff made the right opinion and the code is the correct way. There are times when they have to say no and he is okay with that.

Mayor Williams called for nominations to fill the empty BZA seat. Ms. Fry nominated Todd Pultz for the BZA. No other nominations came forward. Mayor Williams closed the nominations. Roll call went as follows: Ms. Fry, yes; Ms. Campbell, yes; Mr. Denning, yes; Mrs. Franklin, yes; Mr. Maxfield, yes; and Mayor Williams, yes. **Mr. Pultz was voted to fill the open BZA seat.**

WRITTEN CITIZEN PETITIONS: Mayor Williams stated any citizens who would like to speak should fill out a petition or sheet in the back and turn in to the clerk.

DEPARTMENT UPDATES:

A) Police Department – Chief Robinson stated they are five officers down; three, medically, and two for open positions. They are in the hiring process and have a list sent to the city manager to validate for them; then, they will move on to an interview with the chief, initial offer, and passing physicals. He stated they have three very good candidates, two that are new and one that is a lateral. Police departments across the country are struggling right now to find officer candidates. National Night out will be on August 3, 2021. It will be larger than he thought with the celtic dances, a DJ, bands from the schools; they did try to get the Carroll band, but they had another commitment. There will be food and interaction with the public. He did ask Ms. Fry if she could try to get the Blood Mobile there for a blood drive. She stated she would try. Chief Robinson also stated they could have a vaccination area should Mr. Lohr arrange that.

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B) Fire Department – Chief Stitzel stated they did receive the new medic and it is being trained on since it is different than the other ones. They are doing extra driving training. That should be in service in the next couple of weeks. It will be predominantly down in the south end as Medic Six. He stated they did have the highest call volume in the city’s history last month. They averaged 16.5 calls a day; 497 incidents in 30 days. Staffing was at 7.2 people/day. They are still working to get that up to the SAFER minimum of 8. There are four new part-timers and one new full-timer starting Sunday to get staffing up to where it is supposed to be. It will take a few months to get them wrapped up to where they get out of training and be operational. This month is not slowing down as they are handling 16 – 17 calls/day. They are a lot busier than what they were during the heroin epidemic. They have come back from the slow down during the pandemic, but over the course of several years with those variants, they are averaging 2.5% - 3% growth in call volume every year. Mr. Denning asked if the new medic is the new standard for medics. Chief Stitzel replied yes. It is longer lasting; able to re-chassis so when it wears out they can take the box off and put a new one on and save \$50,000 - \$60,000. They expect a much longer life than what they are getting out of the light duty gasoline engines. He has a 2012 medic not slated to be replaced for another three years, but it will not last until then. He is hoping they can get another one on order with the American Rescue Plan. They are on a buyer’s list where they are locked in until August 30, 2021; after that the price goes up almost \$8,000. It is about a one year turn around time with part shortages. They are looking to see if they can use the American Rescue Plan to do that. In two to three years, they will be in trouble trying to keep those medics in service. He explained the work he needed to do on the oldest medic this year.

C) Public Service Department – Ms. Bartlett stated they received the draft report on the Harshman Wall from CTL Engineering last week. She requested a meeting with them to review it so she has full understanding. A work session will be needed once she gets all the information together. Mr. Denning asked when they would be paving Springfield Street. Ms. Bartlett stated they need to be finished by September 1, 2021. She had a meeting with WPAFB and they were asking the same. Mr. Denning stated they want to get the Springfield gate open. Ms. Bartlett stated they still have some things to finish up before they can get to milling, but she will check back with that information. Mr. Denning stated that there will be street lights through the whole section.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS: Mayor Williams welcomed Josh Gwin to speak on Ordinance No. 21-O-772. Mr. Gwin stated he lives in Brookville, but is the Union President for Riverside Professional Firefighters Local #2938. He has served the citizens of Riverside for 12 years and as the Union President for four year. He thanked council members for their latest contract and adjusting some of the articles to make their department more competitive. The contract will help with employee retention and make the department more appealing for future recruitment. He stated that the union members and himself support the 1% income tax increase, Ordinance No. 21-O-772, and support the council for moving it to the voters. The union also supports Chief Stitzel and agrees with what he has presented to the council the past couple of years. They need to be a career department and need new money. This levy is the first step towards that. During his 12 years with the city, he has seen staffing decrease and run volume increase; this puts a strain on their members. Today, they have already had 16 calls and it is not even halfway through the shift and only five are on duty. They desperately need the levy. With this increase, the union will do everything it can to help educate and inform citizens on how this levy will benefit the entire city. The city motto is “Pride, Progress, and Possibility”. Every city department takes a lot of pride in serving this great community; it is time to put a levy on that will allow the city to progress and broaden our possibilities.

Mayor Williams invited Mrs. Matheney to come and speak on an ordinance they are discussing later. Mrs. Matheney, 1132 Beatrice Drive, asked for explanation on the repeal of Ordinance No. 20-O-714, that has to do with the carrying of weapons. Ms. Grandjean stated that the ordinance is designed to bring them into accord with the state law. State

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legislature has restricted the ability of cities to regulate where guns can be carried. The state decides that and not the city. The city enacted a law earlier, Law A, having to do with guns and some provisions that the city thought might be legal under home rule as Riverside is a home rule city and have powers different than statutory cities. However, legislature decided the city does not have the authority to make the limitations like having guns or shooting guns in parks. The city restricted that; but the legislature wasn't allowing that so they repealed that and enacted a new one to mirror state law. The codifier stated they aren't sure the new law the city passed repeals the old one, so they wanted the city to repeal that and use explicit language and only the second version exists. It is just a clean-up. They have done everything in their power they can do.

OLD BUSINESS

A. ORDINANCES

- I) Ordinance No. 21-O-768 – Amending Section 1117.03 Definitions and 1115.01 Accessory Buildings and Use Standards, revising 1115.01(E) of the Unified Development Ordinances (UDO) of the City of Riverside. (2nd reading, public hearing, adoption)

Mr. Denning motioned to approve the second reading of Ordinance No. 21-O-768. Mrs. Franklin seconded the motion. The clerk read the ordinance by title only.

Mayor Williams opened the public hearing at 6:38 pm. No one came forward to speak. Mayor Williams closed the public hearing at 6:39 pm.

Roll call went as follows: Mr. Denning, yes; Mrs. Franklin, yes; Ms. Campbell, yes; Ms. Fry, yes; Mr. Maxfield, yes; and Mayor Williams, yes. Motion carried.

- II) Ordinance No. 21-O-769 – Making supplemental appropriations for current expenses and other expenditures of the City of Riverside, State of Ohio, for the period January 1 through December 21, 2021. (2nd reading, public hearing, adoption)

Mr. Denning motioned to approve the second reading of Ordinance No. 21-O-769. Ms. Fry seconded the motion. The clerk read the ordinance by title only.

Mayor Williams opened the public hearing at 6:40 pm. No one came forward to speak. Mayor Williams closed the public hearing at 6:40 pm.

Roll call went as follows: Mr. Denning, yes; Ms. Fry, yes; Mrs. Franklin, yes; Ms. Campbell, yes; Mrs. Franklin, yes; Mr. Maxfield, yes; and Mayor Williams, yes. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

A. ORDINANCES

- I) Ordinance No. 21-O-770 – Repealing Ordinance 20-R-714 relating to the ownership, possession, purchase, other acquisition, transport, storage, carrying, sale, other transfer, manufacture, taxation, keeping, and reporting of loss or theft of firearms, their components, and their ammunition, and declaring an emergency. (1st & 2nd reading, public hearing, adoption)

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Mayor Williams stated on this ordinance they will be doing the first and second reading, public hearing, and potential adoption.

Mr. Denning motioned to approve the first reading of Ordinance No. 21-O-770. Mrs. Franklin seconded the motion. The clerk read the ordinance by title only.

Roll call went as follows: Mr. Denning, yes; Mrs. Franklin, yes; Ms. Campbell, yes; Ms. Fry, yes; Mr. Maxfield, yes; and Mayor Williams, yes. **Motion carried.**

Mr. Maxfield motioned to suspend the rules that require the reading of an ordinance on two separate days. Mr. Denning seconded the motion.

Roll call went as follows: Mr. Maxfield, yes; Mr. Denning, yes; Ms. Campbell, yes; Mrs. Franklin, yes; Ms. Fry, yes; and Mayor Williams, yes. **Motion carried.**

Mr. Denning motioned to approve the second reading of Ordinance No. 21-O-770. Mr. Maxfield seconded the motion. The clerk read the ordinance by title only.

Mayor Williams opened the public hearing at **6:43 pm**. No one came forward to speak. Mayor Williams closed the public hearing at **6:43 pm**.

Roll call went as follows: Mr. Denning, yes; Mr. Maxfield, yes; Ms. Campbell, yes; Mrs. Franklin, yes; Ms. Fry, yes; and Mayor Williams, yes. **Motion carried.**

II) Ordinance No. 21-O-771 – Amending Chapter 1105 Development Procedures of the Unified Development Ordinances (UDO) of the City of Riverside. (1st reading)

Mr. Denning motioned to approve the first reading of Ordinance No. 21-O-771. Mrs. Franklin seconded the motion. The clerk read the ordinance by title only.

Mr. Denning asked if there are front chain link fences in a neighborhood, it will give them the ability to allow somebody new to put one up, give them a waiver to do that type of thing. Mr. Burkholder stated that will be part of the process. Some new developers want to put up more than one sign on their lot. The current code only allows for dimensional and not design aspects. This gives them the flexibility to provide a waiver. Some variances can be handled by staff while others will go to the planning commission. Mr. Denning asked if this would allow for a front chain link fence waiver. Mr. Burkholder stated that there may a request of a chain link fence, which is no longer allowed in code, but that is a design standard. If they came and asked for a 4’ height that would be a dimensional variance. Mr. Denning stated he understood that, but wanted to know if he lived in a neighborhood with chain link fences in the front yards and he was a new owner and he wants one, will this waiver be allowed. Mr. Burkholder stated they could apply for a waiver, but may not necessarily get the waiver. Ms. Grandjean stated on page five, subsection ‘E; there are five standards that have to be met. Mr. Burkholder stated staff is trying to follow the spirit of intent in the code.

Roll call went as follows: Mr. Denning, yes; Mrs. Franklin, yes; Ms. Campbell, yes; Ms. Fry, yes; Mr. Maxfield, yes; and Mayor Williams, yes. **Motion carried.**

III) Ordinance No. 21-O-772 – Amending Title Seven, Chapter 182, Income Tax Sections 182.01, 182.03, and 182.06 of the Administrative Code of the City of Riverside, Ohio to provide for imposition of annual income tax at the rate of two and a half percent (2.5%) per year on income on or after January 1, 2022, for the purpose specified herein and repealing the existing Chapter 182, Sections 182.01, 182.03, and 182.06. (1st reading)

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Mr. Denning motioned to approve the first reading of Ordinance No. 21-O-772. Mr. Maxfield seconded the motion. The clerk read the ordinance by title only.

Mr. Denning asked if they are passing this before it is voted on and what happens if the vote doesn't pass...Ms. Grandjean replied if the vote doesn't pass then the ordinance does not go into effect. Mr. Denning stated he didn't read that anywhere. Ms. Grandjean stated that is what the ballot measure is. They enact the ordinance and then the citizens vote on it. Mr. Denning stated he was confused and wanted clarity.

Roll call went as follows: Mr. Denning, yes; Mr. Maxfield, yes; Ms. Campbell, yes; Mrs. Franklin, yes; Ms. Fry, yes; and Mayor Williams, yes. **Motion carried.**

IV) Ordinance No. 21-O-773 – Rename and repurpose City Fund 213, commonly known as the OPWC Airway Road West Fund, and declaring and emergency. (1st & 2nd reading, public hearing, adoption)

Mr. Denning motioned to approve the first reading of Ordinance No. 21-O-773. Mrs. Franklin seconded the motion. The clerk read the ordinance by title only.

Roll call went as follows: Mr. Denning, yes; Mrs. Franklin, yes; Ms. Campbell, yes; Ms. Fry, yes; Mr. Maxfield, yes; and Mayor Williams, yes. **Motion carried.**

Mrs. Franklin motioned to suspend the rules that require the reading of an ordinance on two separate days. Mr. Denning seconded the motion.

Roll call went as follows: Mrs. Franklin, yes; Mr. Denning, yes; Ms. Campbell, yes; Ms. Fry, yes; Mr. Maxfield, yes; and Mayor Williams, yes. **Motion carried.**

Mr. Denning motioned to approve the second reading of Ordinance No. 21-O-773. Mr. Maxfield seconded the motion. The clerk read the ordinance by title only.

Mayor Williams opened the public hearing at **6:53 pm**. No one came forward to speak. Mayor Williams closed the public hearing at **6:53 pm**.

Roll call went as follows: Mr. Denning, yes; Mr. Maxfield, yes; Ms. Campbell, yes; Mrs. Franklin, yes; Ms. Fry, yes; and Mayor Williams, yes. **Motion carried.**

V) Ordinance No. 21-O-774 – Create City Fund 214, known as the OPWC Needmore Road Fund, and declaring an emergency. (1st & 2nd reading, public hearing, adoption)

Mr. Denning motioned to approve the first reading of Ordinance No. 21-O-774. Mr. Maxfield seconded the motion. The clerk read the ordinance by title only.

Roll call went as follows: Mr. Denning, yes; Mr. Maxfield, yes; Ms. Campbell, yes; Mrs. Franklin, yes; Ms. Fry, yes; and Mayor Williams, yes. **Motion carried.**

Mr. Maxfield motioned to suspend the rules that require the reading of an ordinance on two separate days. Mrs. Franklin seconded the motion.

Roll call went as follows: Mr. Maxfield, yes; Mrs. Franklin, yes; Ms. Campbell, yes; Mr. Denning, yes; Ms. Fry, yes; and Mayor Williams, yes. **Motion carried.**

Mr. Denning motioned to approve the second reading of Ordinance No. 21-O-774. Mr. Maxfield seconded the motion. The clerk read the ordinance by title only.

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Mayor Williams opened the public hearing at **6:55 pm**. No one came forward to speak. Mayor Williams closed the public hearing at **6:55 pm**.

Roll call went as follows: Mr. Denning, yes; Mr. Maxfield, yes; Ms. Campbell, yes; Mrs. Franklin, yes; Ms. Fry, yes; and Mayor Williams, yes. **Motion carried.**

VI) Ordinance No. 21-O-775 – Amending Section 311.01 Placing Injurious Material or Obstruction in Street, adding 311.01(E) to the administrative code of the City of Riverside. (1st reading)

Mr. Denning motioned to approve the first reading of Ordinance No. 21-O-775. Mrs. Franklin seconded the motion. The clerk read the ordinance by title only.

Roll call went as follows: Mr. Denning, yes; Mrs. Franklin, yes; Ms. Campbell, yes; Ms. Fry, yes; Mr. Maxfield, yes; and Mayor Williams, yes. **Motion carried.**

B. RESOLUTIONS

I) Resolution No. 21-R-2687 – Authorizing the city manager to enter into a contract with Barrett Paving Materials, Inc. as the lowest and best bidder for the 2021 Paving Program.

Mr. Denning motioned to approve Resolution No. 21-R-2687. Mrs. Franklin seconded the motion.

All were in favor; none opposed. **Motion carried.**

II) Resolution No. 21-R-2688 – Authorizing the city manager to enter into a contract with Universal Metal Buildings to replace the existing sign shop pole barn to the City of Riverside, State of Ohio.

Mr. Denning motioned to approve Resolution No. 21-R-2688. Mr. Maxfield seconded the motion.

All were in favor; none opposed. **Motion carried.**

III) Resolution No. 21-R-2689 – LPA agreement with ODOT for Woodman/US 35 to Eastman.

Mr. Denning motioned to approve Resolution No. 21-R-2689. Mrs. Franklin seconded the motion.

All were in favor; none opposed. **Motion carried.**

IV) Resolution No. 21-R-2690 – Authorizing the city manager to submit an application to the Ohio Public Works Commission for a grant in the amount of \$683,269 for the Woodman/US 35 Interchange, PID 90273.

Mr. Denning motioned to approve Resolution No. 21-R-2690. Mrs. Franklin seconded the motion.

All were in favor; none opposed. **Motion carried.**

V) Resolution No. 21-R-2691 – Authorizing the city manager to submit an application to the Ohio Public Works Commission

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for a grant in the amount of \$185,657 for the Olentangy Bridge Replacement, PID 112379.

Mr. Denning motioned to approve Resolution No. 21-R-2691. Mrs. Franklin seconded the motion.

All were in favor; none opposed. Motion carried.

VI)Resolution No. 21-R-2692 – Advancing \$499,999 from the General Fund to the OPWC Needmore Road Fund.

Mr. Denning motioned to approve Resolution No. 21-R-2692. Mrs. Franklin seconded the motion.

All were in favor; none opposed. Motion carried.

VII) Resolution No. 21-R-2693 – Advancing \$348,840 from the General Fund to the OPWC Valley Pike Fund.

Mrs. Franklin motioned to approve Resolution No. 21-R-2693. Mr. Denning seconded the motion.

All were in favor; none opposed. Motion carried.

VIII) Resolution No. 21-R-2694 – Appointing an Interim City Manager.

Mr. Denning motioned to approve Resolution No. 21-R-2694. Ms. Fry seconded the motion.

All were in favor; none opposed. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS: No one came forward to speak.

COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS: Mr. Maxfield stated he wished to comment on the traffic light at Valley. He understands they need to abide by new state standards, but it is something they need to consider when moving forward if the study comes back stating the light needs to be removed. He believes it is a safety issue, and it is about the only thing that causes traffic to slow down there. There are a lot of students that walk to school in the morning so if it is removed they need to consider what they need to do to alleviate speeding and slow people down at that intersection.

Ms. Campbell stated she agreed with that. She stated that the city limits on Valley to Harshman Road is a halfway mark. If you notice downtown in between the blocks they have a walk across with the light. If we have a walk across, we have to have a light. The kids walk to school that gives them safe access to the other side of the road. She does not want to see a kid hit by a car. They need the light.

Mayor Williams stated there is a lot of construction on roadways in the city; everybody is in a hurry, but he hopes the citizens understand the things that are happening on the roadways are to improve safety and travel on the roadways and efficiency in travel. The civil engineering and traffic studies that go into the decisions, safety is always number one. He asked citizens to take it easy that people on local, county, and state levels are doing thing to make the city better. There will be great improvements, especially on Springfield Street.

Ms. Fry gave a shout out and thank you to the little free library on Silver Leaf Drive; it is brand new to the community. They even have a Facebook page if you are a user. They are doing a lot to engage the community. They had their third blood drive of the year on Monday and surpassed the goal, which she was nervous about since it was a federal holiday. They

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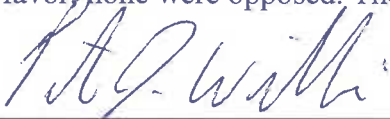
got a lot of positive feedback and the only blood drive of the day. She thanked everyone who came out. She thanked Drew Higleford who donated the thank you gifts for the blood donors. She found out today the Community Blood Center gave the city an award for their efforts this year at blood drives. It is a crisis hero award of excellence given to the City of Riverside. She thanked everyone who has supported their efforts. Mayor Williams thanked Brenda for being a champion for it; they are becoming a community known for their blood drives. The community is responding to her efforts. She made this happen.

Mr. Denning stated they have been doing verbatim minutes a long time and the charter states they do not have to. He does not see any reason to do it; it is a lot of reading. It is a lot of time for the clerk. He would like to a motion to go to....we do the work sessions as a summary and record of the vote. He thinks that is all they really need, especially when people can watch it multiple times. Mrs. Franklin stated in the handbook they are reviewing it says they are not required. Mr. Denning motioned they go to summaries and a vote and move forward using the clerk's time more wisely. Mrs. Franklin seconded the motion. Mayor Williams asked if it had to be a resolution. Mr. Denning stated they only voted to make verbatim minutes and held to that. Mrs. Franklin stated the charter says they are not required. They need to fall back to the charter rules. Mr. Denning stated they need to go back to the charter rules. Ms. Fry stated she is in favor of verbatim for business meetings because that is where they make our decisions. The videos are available, but if you are researching an issue, you cannot search the videos. You can search for text. Often times, she has used the search feature looking for particular words that were said. They would lose that ability if they went to summary minutes. There would not be a record of what was said and more difficult to research. Mrs. Franklin replied that technically minutes are designed to capture what the moment was. It is not designed to capture every word. In business meeting, what it comes down to is the vote. The other stuff is our opinion, but what rules and guides the city is their vote. Comments are why something is voted for or against are shown in the vote.

Roll call went as follows: Mr. Denning, yes; Mrs. Franklin, yes; Ms. Campbell, yes; Ms. Fry, no; Mr. Maxfield, yes; and Mayor Williams, yes. **Motion carried.**

Mr. Lohr stated because there was a 'yes' vote on the income tax measure, they need to set a second meeting in July. Mayor Williams suggested meeting on July 22. It would be special meeting. Discussion was held on holding the next meeting. It was determined to hold the special meeting on July 22.

ADJOURNMENT: Mr. Denning motioned to adjourn. Mrs. Franklin seconded. All were in favor; none were opposed. The meeting adjourned at 7:12 pm.


Peter J. Williams, Mayor


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